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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,
Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-85129, which was published on
September 13, 1995, along with its English language counterpart U.S. Patent No. 4,784,464
to OUCHI, issued on November 15, 1988;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-17945, which was published on
March 9, 1994, along with a full English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 3-42895, which was published on
June 28, 1991, along with a full English language translation of the same;

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. SHO 63-48243, which was published on
December 13, 1988, along with a full English language translation of the same; and

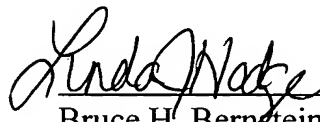
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Japanese Unexamined Utility Model No. SHO 54-18094, which was published on February 5, 1979, along with a full English language translation of the same.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed translations. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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